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CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE ASSOCIATION TO  
SAVE OUR TREES AND STREAMS

1. PREAMBLE

The purpose of the organization is to bring together a body of citizens in Mississauga who are concerned about the impact of urbanization on the natural landscape in the municipality in an effort to retain, as much as possible, the existing quality and features in the environment while, at the same time, carrying out a process of rational and optimum community building in the municipality as part of the urbanization of the Great Lakes Seaway Corridor of Southern Ontario. This will be carried out through the interpretation of the Society's goals, interested associated bodies involved in urbanization, members of the Municipal Council, Planning Board and Administrative officials of Mississauga, the Conservation Authority and citizens at large. This will be implemented by the holding of public meetings, appearances before elected bodies and appearances with the media. Encouragement of those working in a similar direction will be fostered and an attempt made to provide a solid base for elected officials wishing to espouse these important goals.

ARTICLE 1. Name

Section 1. The Society will be known and designated as "SAVE OUR TREES AND STREAMS SOCIETY".

Saving our trees and streams is something every citizen of Mississauga should be interested in who looks ahead to how people will be living in years to come to a time when there is more opportunity for a satisfactory life with increased leisure time, when contact with wild life and the environment in a natural setting are a part of that life-style. This sort of opportunity will elude us in our megalopolitan areas if we do not see to it now that open space and environmental planning are linked with the whole development process.

Section 2. Laws. The laws of the Society will be set out from time to time in the form of resolutions of the duly constituted members and officers of the Society. These laws may be utilized as policy by the Executive Officers of the Society within which additional regulations may be incorporated from time to time.

Section 3. Funds. The Society shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions shall be used in promoting its objectives.

When the Society considers that its activities are no longer needed in the community and is dissolved, any funds remaining after all liabilities have been discharged, shall be used to purchase trees to be planted in suitable public areas, such as parks.

#### ARTICLE 2. Officers and their Duties

Section 1. Officers of the Society shall consist of a Chairman, two Vice Chairmen, a Secretary/Treasurer and members of the Executive Council.

Section 2. Election and Tenure of Office. All members of the Executive Council of the Society shall be elected by a simple majority of the Society members. The tenure of office of all members of the Executive Council shall be for a period of two years and until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

Section 3. Society Chairman. The Chairman shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Society. He shall preside over all the sessions of the Executive Council and it shall be his duty to see the Executive Officers of the Council discharge their duties faithfully, impartially, accurately and promptly. He shall have the power and it shall be his duty to appoint standing committees and any special committees which may be deemed advisable at any time for carrying out the work of the Society. He shall have such further powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Constitution of the Society, or the Executive Officers of the Society from time to time.

Section 4. Vice Chairmen. The Vice Chairmen shall perform the duties of the Chairman when the Chairman is unable to act or when such powers are delegated by the Chairman.

Section 5. Secretary/Treasurer. The Secretary/Treasurer shall act as Secretary and keep the minutes of the Society's Executive Council. He shall have charge of and be responsible for all communications with persons outside the Society and communicate to and from the Executive Council and with all members of the Society. He shall be custodian

of all insignia, jewelry and regalia equipment of the Society. The Secretary/Treasurer shall, subject to the approval of the Council, designate the depositories for the Funds of the Society and he shall perform such duties incidental to the safe-guarding of such funds and the proper disbursements thereof as may be required of him by the Council. He shall be bonded if necessary in such amount as shall be determined by the Council.

Section 6. Executive Council. The Executive Council shall consist of ten members (amended to consist of twenty members at the annual general meeting held in November 1973). The functions of the Executive Council shall be Executive and Legislative with the following powers:

- (a) To authorize the expenditure of general funds of this Society.
- (b) To supervise the publication and distribution of publications of the Society.
- (c) To determine the place and date of the meetings of the Society.
- (d) The Executive Council shall have such further powers as may be provided for or implied by the Laws and Constitutions of this Society.

#### ARTICLE 3. Committees and their Duties

Section 1. Standing Committees of the Society shall be a Committee on Research, a Committee on Canvassing, a Committee on Publicity, a Committee on Financing, a Committee on Communications, a Committee on Nominations. The Chairman shall be ex-officio a member of each Committee and the Society Secretary/Treasurer may serve as Secretary of each Committee.

The two Vice Chairmen will be responsible for the overseeing of the work of the Standing Committees as established by the Chairman.

#### ARTICLE 4. The Society Government

Section 1. Society Meetings. There shall be a minimum of two meetings annually of the Society in the Spring and in the Fall, dates, time and place to be designated by the Executive Council.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum for the transaction of official business by the Society shall be such number of active members as shall constitute a simple majority of those present provided that it shall not be less than 20% of the

active membership of the Society. A quorum for the Executive Committee shall be 50%.

Section 3. Annual Business Meetings. The annual business meeting of the Society will be in the Fall of each year and combine with the regular meeting of that time.

**ARTICLE 5. Financing.**

Section 1. Dues. The annual dues to the Society of all members are established at \$2.00.

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This Constitution effective November 1972, amended as to number of members on the executive committee in November 1973 and amended regarding application to become a registered charitable organization at a public meeting consisting of the necessary quorum of members in April 1974.

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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Secretary-Treasurer

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Vice Chairman

